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Campus briefs

WORLD AIDS DAY
by Carol Wolowic

The twelfth annual World AIDS Day will be observed Dec. 1. This day will link communities, states, and countries while promoting communication with the affected, said the American Association for World Health (AAWH).

The Health and Wellness Center and SHAC will be promoting awareness with subtle reminders. "Red balloons will be displayed at meals, red ribbons will be available and other events are being planned," said Angela Peters.

That Wednesday evening, the White House will dim its lights in honor of AIDS victims and sufferers, said the AAWH. The association also added that the day's events acknowledge the global epidemic and it's magnitude.

ST. ELIZABETH AWARDS
by Rachel Dvorak

The recipients of the 1999 St. Elizabeth Award for Service are Shannon Lau, Abigail Luckner, Liz Roesch, Britta Monson and Brita Beyerlein. The award honors five seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to service, a general concern for the welfare of others and a willingness to provide leadership to the community.

Dale Rush, Community Service Coordinator for the Volunteer Action Center, presented the awards Wednesday as a part of St. Elizabeth's Fest.

WWRL HOURS CHANGE

Wartburg's Writing/Reading Lab (WWRL) will be open for only one hour tonight, from 6-7 p.m., due to interest in the Porgy and Bess Artist Series. Be aware of this when planning appointments. Also, WWRL will not be open Wednesday due to Thanksgiving Break. WWRL will reopen at 6 p.m. Sunday.

CELLUCCI PERFORMS

Soprano Lisa Cellucci, assistant professor of music at Wartburg, sang solo with the Waterloo Metropolitan Chorale Sunday. Cellucci soloed in Poulenc's "Gloria."

Dr. Paul Torkelson, choral director at Wartburg, served as director.

SPEECH TEAM COMPETES

The Wartburg Speech Team competed this weekend at UW-River Falls. Freshman Panda Ferrell reached the finals of her bracket, where she placed fifth. Ferrell recently competed at the FFA National Speech Convention, placing in the top 16.

Student activity fee increase proposed

Susan Thomsen
Staff Writer

Paying more money to Wartburg College: It may not appeal to every student, but it will happen one way or another.

"Either students pay the same lower fee now and make campus organizations fundraise like crazy, or students pay a larger fee now and not worry about admission to college events later," said student body president Emily Hamer.

It's hard to fundraise because students end up giving to the fundraisers anyway, and that stretches their cash, senator Theresa Fruehling, junior, continued.

This increased proposal, initiated by students, is designed to meet the goals of Student Senate, Entertainment ToKnight (ETK), and possibly the Homecoming activities.

It will increase ETK's budget, so it can be self-sufficient and attract bigger names for large events such as concerts and comedians, etc. It will also increase the number of small events without raising ticket prices.

In addition, raising the activity fee would reduce the number of weekly money requests by campus organizations. This would involve a tentative budget being set at the end of each school year.

Another benefit is that it will cover the cost of conference fees for ETK and senate leaders. These conferences allow the groups' leaders to compare ideas with other colleges of similar size, work together to share costs of speakers and entertainers and improve their leadership skills.

Currently ETK's budget is extremely low compared to benchmark schools Loras and Luther.

"The proposal was initiated by comparing our schools to other schools and seeing what we can do with more money," said ETK representative/senator Luke Harms.

"We do expensive things. There is no way to do all of these activities without an activity fee. Otherwise we would have to charge for every activity."

"I think that it would be okay to pay more as long as the activites they plan are better," said sophomore Lindy Zars. "If you can't tell the difference from the old events with the increase, then there is no point."

Student input is very important. Senators are encouraging students to fill out a survey on the fee increase.

The percentage of increase in the fee will be unknown until the survey results are in.

Survey tables will be set up outside the cafeteria Monday, Tuesday, and Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Fall Term Activity Costs

Marty Putz, comedian
$2,038.24
Peter Mayer, acoustic guitarist
$1,028.55
Wax Hands (family weekend)
$1,700.00
Outfly Activities
$974.25
Austin Powers
$700.00
Laser Storm
$1750.00
Blessid Union of Souls
$18,000.00 (approx)
+several co-sponsorships

Tentative Winter Term Costs

Mapapas (acrobats)
$3,000.00
Think Fast (game show)
$2,000.00
Craig Carmean (comedian)
$1,500.00
Drive-in Movie
$3,000.00
Knight Elegance
$5,000.00

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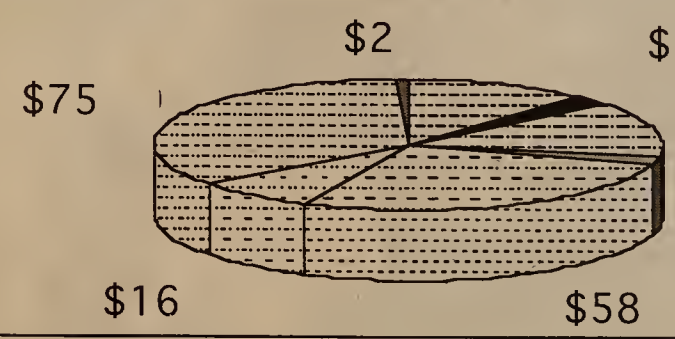

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Habitaters brave cold weather

ROUGHIN' IT—Freshmen Dana Isaacson, Sarah Campbell and Julia Walsh, members of Habitat for Humanity, brave the great outdoors and the chilly weather Friday night. The sleep-out experience was used to show what being homeless would be like as part of Habitat Week.

Katie Shannon/TRUMPET

Meningitis vaccine recommended

CDC, in light of recent cases of the disease, has recommended vaccine for all college students.

by Sarah Braun
Staff Writer

Safety in numbers. It is a concept that many rely upon as a feeling of security. Now, according to the American College Health Association (ACHA), this idea of safety in numbers can pose a risk that many are unaware of. Meningitis, an infection that causes swelling of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord, thrives in places where people are in close contact, such as college dorms.

Earlier this year, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) said that college freshmen living in residence halls were six times more likely than other college students to become infected. The reason for the higher susceptibility is that students live close together and their bodies are exposed to new kinds of bacteria.

The bacteria that causes meningitis is spread through such actions as kissing and coughing. Additionally, some common practices of college students—such as binge drinking, smoking and not getting enough sleep—can make one's immune system even more vulnerable to the growth of bacteria.

The symptoms of meningitis are a lot like those of the flu. The most common symptoms are headache, fever, stiff neck, extreme fatigue, nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light. Another trademark of meningitis is a red or purplish rash on the body. Once infected, a person can die within 24 to 48 hours.

A recent outbreak of meningitis cases on college campuses has led to increased concern about the disease. The most recent case was a sophomore at Michigan State University. On Oct. 9, 1999, Adam Busuttil began feeling ill, and within 24 hours had passed out and was in the hospital.

The same disease struck at Georgia Southwestern University in April 1998. Evan Bozof, a junior, called home to tell his parents that he was feeling sick, and within hours was admitted to the hospital in critical condition. Bozof suffered multiple organ failure and eventually died. Yet another case involved Melanie Benn, then a freshman at Humboldt State University. Benn made it through three months of school until she came home for winter break and became ill. Benn survived, but she had both her arms and legs amputated due to the infection.

The impact of meningitis hit close to home for Lex Smith, dean of student life.

"First, students need to know about meningitis, and second they should know that the vaccine is recommended."

-Lex Smith, Dean of Student Life

About four years ago Smith's nephew, Jeffrey Stenstrom, was a freshman at Cornell College in Ithaca, N.Y. Stenstrom was fine until spring break, when he became run down due to football practice and rush activities, Smith said. At first, Stenstrom thought he was just suffering from the common flu, but soon his condition worsened. Stenstrom's immediate family was located in California, and by the time they arrived at his side, he was in the hospital in a coma, having been diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. A few days later, Stenstrom was taken off life support.

Due to the increase in outbreaks and concern, the ACHA is recommending that all incoming freshmen planning to live in residence halls receive the vaccination that protects against four of the five strains of bacterial meningitis. The vaccine is considered to be 80 to 90 percent effective.

A plan has been developed to make the vaccine available to students through the Health and Wellness Center in correlation with the Integra/Rohlf Clinic if they wish to receive it. The vaccine costs between $50 and $70.

"To get the vaccine is an individual decision. Based on the recommendations of the ACHA and the CDC, we want to educate the students about the disease and the availability of the vaccine, which is safe and effective," said Randi Ellefson, director of health services.

"The experience I had leads me to strongly recommend the vaccine to students. I think there are two important things. First, students need to know about meningitis, and second they should know that the vaccine is recommended," said Smith.

Receiving the vaccine is highly recommended, but it is not something to panic about.

"We don't want to create a panic. We just want students to know the vaccine is available and that they are encouraged to come in if they have any questions or doubts. We want to make sure people are educated," said Ellefson.

Health 101: Meningitis

Meningitis is an infection of the membranes (called meninges) that surround the brain and spinal cord. Meningitis can be viral or bacterial, the latter creating the greatest health risk.

What are the

Symptoms, which may appear suddenly, often include high fever, severe and persistent headache, stiff neck, nausea, and vomiting. Changes in behavior such as confusion, sleepiness, and difficulty waking up are extremely important symptoms and may require emergency treatment.

Did you know?

The CDC reports that college freshmen who live in dorms have a modestly increased risk of contracting meningitis relative to others their age.

International Cafe: Students perform "Ndombolo"

*Deo Itandala/*TRUMPET

AFRICAN DANCING—From left to right: Freshman Dadyne Ngumbu, sophomore Foster Mbuna, junior Robert Madumba and sophomore Mindi Kasiga dance the "Ndombolo." The dance is from the Republic of Congo in Central Africa. The students performed Thursday night in the Lair for the African Cafe. Traditional African food from Ghana, Tanzania, and Congo was served. The students also gave country presentations, asked the other students trivia questions about Africa, and had a display of items from their countries.

International students to get taste of 'Turkey Day'

by Faruk Turaev
Staff Writer

International students are invited to share a Thanksgiving meal with local residents and American students.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly will serve a meal in the church parish hall. Some American students also will invite international guests to their homes.

"It is a good way for international students to get acquainted with American traditions and culture. It will also be helpful for them to suppress their boredom during the break," said Linda Wolf, international programs director.

"There is something that students can learn about Americans from the people who are open to them," said Joan Strottman, international programs secretary. "At least they will get some idea of how the Thanksgiving is celebrated."

Wednesday class schedule

7:45 class—7:45 to 8:35
9 a.m. class—8:45 to 9:35
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10:45 class—9:45 to 10:35
Noon class—10:45 to 11:35
1:15 class—11:45 to 12:35
2:30 class—12:45 to 1:35

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Tried turkey bowling?

*Katie Shannon/*TRUMPET

GOBBLE, GOBBLE- Junior Gideon Salter participated in Turkey Bowling Friday night in Players Theatre. Getting a "turkey" took on a whole new meaning. This event was sponsored by the Complex.

City Council denies housing request pending further information

by Kenny Cummer
Staff Writer

Wartburg College Plant Superintendent John Wuertz did not receive the answer he was looking for Monday evening. The Waverly City Council tabled a zoning request made by the college for a new student residential complex on Fifth Avenue, NW. The complex would house 88 students and provide an additonal 98 parking spots.

The proposal has already passed through the city planning and zoning board, but was tabled by the city council due to concern regarding the results of the project on the Dry Run. Wuertz said water retention is planned to slow the water flow into the Dry Run. Council members Gary Boorom, Fred Ribich and Elizabeth Hartman all expressed concern about the potential effects of the housing project.

There was no objection by the council that the college needs to expand the housing on-campus. However, the council did agree that a decision could not be made until Wartburg provides more information. Wuertz withdrew the request until further information could be obtained and presented to the City Council.

Council members said the project would not be curbed if the water issue could be resolved, but Wuertz did not know when the necessary information would be available.

Wartburg recognized in "The Templeton Guide"

by Jill Biwer
News Editor

"The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development," a guidebook that has been released nationwide, has recognized Wartburg College for leadership in the field of student character development.

"The Templeton Guide" is designed for students, parents and educators who believe that character matters. The guide contains profiles of 405 exemplary college programs in 10 categories; 50 college presidents who have exercised leadership in character development; and 100 colleges and universities named to the Templeton Honor Roll for their record of commitment to inspiring students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives. More than 300 four-year public and private colleges from across the country are included in "The Templeton Guide."

Established in 1987, the John Templeton Foundation works with educators, scientists, theologians, medical professionals and other scholars to support more than 100 programs serving three main purposes: to encourage character development in schools and colleges; to encourage an appreciation for the benefits of freedom; and to stimulate serious and scientific research on the relationship between spirituality and health.

Wartburg is profiled for its First-Year Programs that are designed to build character, enhance decision-making skills and plan activities for the first-year students. As a part of the First-Year program, which was established four years ago, all of Wartburg's first-year students go through orientation and up to 60 percent participate in all or some of its individual components.

Wartburg offers a variety of first-year programs including an outdoor challenge education course that teaches teamwork, cooperation and problem-solving skills; case-study discussions on life in a residence-hall community; a series of workshops on how to adjust successfully to college life; and an inter-disciplinary social science course that challenges students to really think about their values.

"We are very proud of Wartburg's work through its First-Year Programs to help students develop the strong values that will serve them well beyond their college years," said Wartburg President Jack Ohle. "Character development is a lifelong process, and we believe that colleges and universities have a very important and unique role to play. We are delighted to be among the institutions profiled in 'The Templeton Guide'."

"Wartburg's strong commitment to character development and the strength of its programs make it a model for colleges and universities nationwide," said Dr. Arthur J. Schwartz, director of character development at the John Templeton Foundation. "With 'The Templeton Guide,' we hope to help prospective college students and their parents who want to know what colleges are doing to promote the core values of honesty, self-control, respect and service to those who are less fortunate. The guide identifies colleges that encourage students to understand the importance of personal and civic responsibility, which will help them succeed in college and beyond. Wartburg's work in this area is most impressive."

The programs in the guidebook went through a selective process that considered clarity of vision and statement of purpose; institutional resources; involvement of institutional leaders; impact on students, faculty, campus and community; integration into the core curriculum or academic study; longevity; external awards and recognition; and assessment.

KWAR staff tools town in The ONE Mobile

Vroom, Vroom!— Juniors Sarah Thomsen, Kristin Riesterer, Chris Thomas and Mindy Meyer pose on top of the KWAR One-Mobile. The specially-decorated car was driven to Waverly businesses to perform live broadcasts.

*Sarah Seboldt/*TRUMPET

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The cheese stands alone

Tim Bottorff

Too often we look at life only from the perspective of the dominant group, tending to forget that not everyone thinks and believes as we do.

In 1621, the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony sat down to a feast with the Wampanoag Indians, a people to whom they owed their very survival. Eventually, the Pilgrims' colony flourished and America, that city upon a hill, rolled on. We commemorate that feast every year on the fourth Thursday in November–Thanksgiving Day.

By contrast, the Native Americans' way of life was systematically destroyed, first by disease, then by open warfare, and finally by "removal" to reservations. I don't suppose Thanksgiving Day is much of a holiday to Native Americans.

I'll be honest. If I had it to do all over again, I'm not sure that I would choose a small, private college in the Midwest. Class selection is limited, the weather is terrible half the year, nobody in the real world has ever heard of this college, and any hope for diversity is smothered by a dominant small-town, close-minded mentality.

Now don't get me wrong. If Wartburg is your niche, more power to you. It's just that Wartburg is a different place for some students than for others.

I really don't have anything to complain about, except that I never really "fit in" at Wartburg. I don't sing or play a musical instrument, I'm not on one of the sports teams, I don't drink much, and I'm not even Lutheran. So there went most of my chances to form meaningful social ties here. I'm not so melodramatic as to compare my situation to that of Native Americans, but the point still has to do with dominant group thinking.

In my naivete, I believed in the melting pot theory of liberal arts colleges. I thought college was a place where people of diverse backgrounds and thinking came together to learn from each other, to forge new understandings of life. I thought of college as an initiation journey, a time to leave the parents' nest and go in search of freedom, individuality, and understanding.

Instead, I learned that at Wartburg most everyone comes from similar backgrounds and thinks pretty much the same. Also, most everyone goes home to their parents on weekends. Wartburg is less like a melting pot than a salad bowl—with lettuce as the only ingredient. Those of us who are the cheese, or tomatoes, or cucumbers of life are left out.

Yet, for all that, the saving grace of colleges like Wartburg is the opportunity for close personal interaction between students and professors. I think that's the one thing that I will always remember about my time here. My professors' doors were always open, and most of them cared more about my growth as a person than as a student.

Since this is the time of year for giving thanks, and as I will graduate in a few short weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those professors who added dressing to the salad and thereby enriched my college experience. Thank you, Drs. Jacobsen, Thomas, Lindell, Kleinhans, Walther, Black, Alexander, Schneider, Shipman, Holmes, Price, and others, for proving that professors are people too–that they can also be colleagues sometimes, and that, more importantly, they can be friends, too.

The heart of homelessness

Allie Brauhn

Before coming out to Denver for the semester, I will admit I was completely ignorant of poverty and homelessness. Poverty to me meant shopping at K-Mart instead of Von Maur. And homelessness was just a picture in my mind of dirty, uneducated people who didn't have the strength or skills to improve themselves.

After a short few months living in the city and working amongst the poor, I have seen and heard things that will forever change my mind.

Each Thursday at the shelter I lead a writer's group with women from the streets. Seven or eight women in poverty sit around a table and share their candid lives and dreams. I listen in amazement as they read their writing. In that hour each week, I meet face to face with the reality of poverty and hear of both the despair and the couragous hope.

I want to share with you a piece of writing by my friend, Mary, who wrote about a typical day spent on the streets (used by permission):

"Early morning comes, with the twinkling bursts of golden rays, peeking up from the dark cold night. With a loud moan, one arm out, then another from my tattered and torn plastic bags and worn thin sleeping blanket. Shivering and shaking I charge into the service station bathroom, crank open the hot water full blast in hopes that it will get warm so I can wash up a little ...."

As Mary read this to the group, tears streamed from her eyes. She paused for a long moment. It seemed as though she had just realized the tragedy of what she calls her daily routine.

But as she wiped away her tears and continued, I learned that, to Mary, the story is not a tragedy. She read on:

"Lord! Lord! What will you have me do today? Please help me to make it through. Give me strength and courage to keep on ... All that I have, all that I am and all I do is for You."

Mary's words changed me that day. I was inspired to give my all, which when measured by possessions is much more difficult for me to do than for Mary. I admired her faithfulness to God despite her tough situation, and I wanted to know more.

After writer's group I thanked Mary for sharing her story and she took me outside to show me the old van she calls home. I saw in it a blanket, a cardboard tent for nights "when it's nice enough to sleep outside," a bag of Doritos, a few books, and a small pile of tattered clothing – each item received in thanks to God. Oh, to have her heart for God! She, better than anyone else I've ever met, knows what it means to thank God "whether living in plenty or in want" (Phil. 13:12).

Mary cries and feels despair many of those cold nights. But she has something many of us lack: Trust in God to provide our needs.

God provides OUR needs on HIS terms. Whether it be a van or a dorm room or a luxury home, He will not let us go in want when we trust Him.

A homeless woman taught me, in a short hour one Thursday, what it means to go from "strength to strength" (Psalm 84:5). We are blessed to be a blessing to others. Riches not shared are as good as mud.

I hope that each Wartburg student will someday have an experience side by side with the poor. It is a shocking, humbling, confusing, and inspiring time. These women, whom I now call friends, are truely blessed with a peace that we, the busy and financially stable ones, can only find when we worship God in the cardboard-tent-simplicity of our hearts.

This Thanksgiving may we retreat to that place where we may freely give as we have been given to by the Father of every good gift.

Sanctions: weapons of destruction

Tim Eldridge

Earlier this month I attended the Self Help meeting at which Sen. Chuck Grassley and Mr. Boateng spoke. Although the meeting's intent was to talk about agriculture and foreign aid, I thought it would be a great time to confront Grassley on our government's policy towards Iraq.

During the question and answer session, I asked Grassley how he felt about what our government is doing to the people of Iraq through the sanctions, knowing that over 750,000 children under the age of five and over 1.7 million Iraqis total have died due to the sanctions (UN 1997). He basically avoided my question, telling me that even if the sanctions were ended, it was likely that the Iraqi government would siphon off the supplies, and that the only way to end the suffering was to get Saddam out of power. I attempted to reply to Grassley's statement, but I was told to keep the questions to agricultural matters.

Grassley was ignorant in thinking the Iraqi government would hoard supplies intended for civilians. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Food Program (WFP) have carefully monitored Iraqi distribution of all food and medicine purchased under Resolution 986 (The Oil for Food Program). In February 1998, Voices in the Wilderness (an anti-sanctions organization) members interviewed officials from the WHO and the WFP. Both UN organizations gave an "A" rating to the Iraqi government distribution of food and medicine throughout every governorate. The problem isn't distribution, but an extreme lack of supplies. According to Denis Halliday, former head of the oil-for-food program in Iraq who resigned in protest of the sanctions, "Before and during Resolution 986, the Iraqi government was supplementing it quite extensively, feeding orphans, widows and other single parents. In addition to 986, they're running an extraordinarily effective program...through some 50,000 different agents to a country of 18 million people. Our observers watch that process from the border to the warehouse. It works, and we have no evidence of any significant leakage of foodstuffs. This system works because the Iraqis make it work. To say they don't care about their own people is just rubbish."

As I've said before, our government is not in this war for humanitarian purposes. I can guarantee our government has little, if any regard for the children of Iraq, certainly less than the Iraqi government. In 1996 on "60 Minutes," Lesley Stahl, speaking of U.S. sanctions against Iraq, asked Madeline Albright, "We have heard that a half million children have died. I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And – and you know, is the price worth it?" Albright replied, "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price – we think the price is worth it."

Worth it? What on earth could be worth the deaths of 600,000 (now 750,000) children? What reasonable human being would say that? I find it quite ironic that Albright has recently been calling for humanitarian aid to Africa while supporting one of the worst human rights violations of this century in Iraq (not to mention Cuba and soon to be Afghanistan). While I fully support humanitarian aid to anywhere that needs it (especially Africa), I do not agree with the hypocrisy which our government practices in these matters.

Our government has accused Iraq of hoarding weapons of mass destruction. Yet, we impose and maintain strangling sanctions, which are in fact the real weapons of mass destruction. The sanctions have killed far more people than any of Saddam's chemical weapons ever have. The sanctions won't let Iraq import chlorine, vital for water disinfection, stating that it could be used in chemical weapons production.

As a result, thousands of children die each month from waterborne diseases and hospitals have no way of disinfecting their equipment. At the same time, the US is selling billions of dollars of weapons of mass destruction to other Gulf states with no regret. We have left Iraq in ruins and are destroying its people and culture, gaining nothing in the process, save the responsibility for 1.7 million unnecessary deaths. It's time to ask ourselves: is the price worth it? Ask the mothers of the 750,000 children who have already died.

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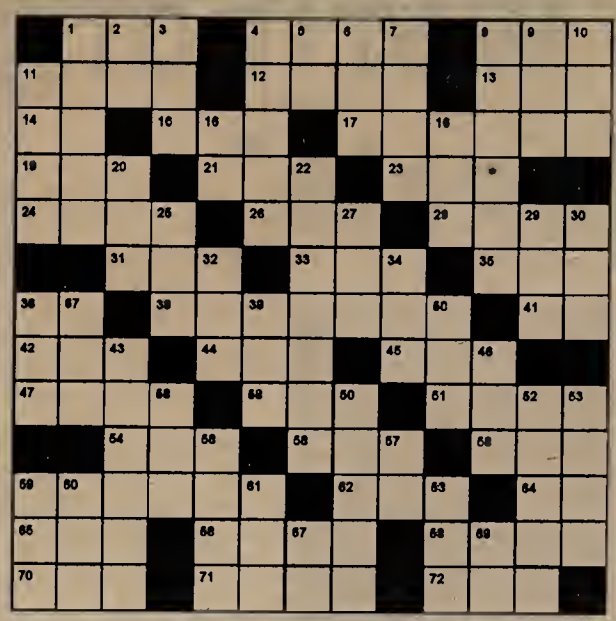

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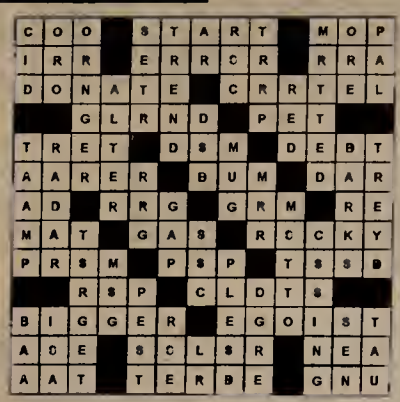

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33 Daughters of the Amer. Revolution (abbr.)
34 Public announcement (abbr.)
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62 Derived from the sun
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MOVIE REVIEW

Turn it off!

Don't 'Light it Up'

Adam Arends

...cold leaky classrooms, more students than a classroom can hold, and not enough teachers to teach them. Is this Wartburg's list of problems? No, it's the cliched situation of a New York City public school in the film, "Light It Up". If situations are really this bad in public schools in New York, I sincerely hope that someone is doing something about it. Otherwise, I'm pretty sure this movie starts out with a premise that is improbable.

After setting up this presumably unlikely situation, we get the catalyst. The only teacher (Judd Nelson) who seems to care at all for the abused high-schoolers is fired because he can't find a suitable place to hold class that isn't already crowded or subfreezing. Now we have unhappy students roaming the halls, a bad situation for any school. The police officer (Forest Whitaker) in charge of safety at the school attempts to subdue a few of the more unruly students who wish to get their teacher back. In the ensuing tussle, the cop's leg is accidentally shot and the students take the police officer hostage, not willing to be pushed around any longer in a system beyond their control. What are the student's demands? Fix the school, get us textbooks, and bring back our favorite teacher.

The NYC police department surrounds the school and isn't willing to grant their demands. In typical movie fashion the police are portrayed as shooting first and asking questions later. I won't give away the ending, but I'll say that it left me unsatisfied.

It's a good thing this movie has some effective acting, because the plot just doesn't carry the movie. The students in the movie (Rosario Dawson, Robert Ri'chard, Clifton Collins, Jr., Sara Gilbert) really draw you into their inner-city world of abuse, poverty and prejudice. The main character, Lester, played by R & B artist Usher, is very effective in portraying the dissatisfaction and uncertainty of being at odds with an unchangeable system.

The movie does raise some important issues, such as our society 's lack of emphasis on education. It also portrays the media as story-driven animals. However, these issues are raised without any kind of revelation or at least realization. It seems to set you up for wonderful, insightful truths, and then says, "Well, I guess that's just the way it is. Deal with it."

It's a movie worth seeing, but don't give up other plans to spend six bucks on it.

I give it 2 out of 5.

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1999 Christmas with Wartburg "The Songs of Angels"

PRACTICE, PRACTICE —The combined groups involved with "Christmas With Wartburg" have been practicing since Homecoming under the direction of Dr. Paul Torkelson, Dr. Craig Hancock and Professor Matthew Armstrong.

Katie Shannon/TRUMPET

1999 Christmas with Wartburg Concert Program

Preludial - Reed, "Hymn Variants"	*Symphonic Band*
Arr. Armstrong - "Of the Father's Love Begotten"	*Combined Groups*
Mendelssohn-Adams, "Hark! The Angels Sing"	*Combined Groups*
Armstrong, "En Natus Est Emanuel"	*Ritterchor*
Halley, "Sound Over All Waters"	*Castle Singers*
"Angels We Have Heard on High" -Congregation	*Symphonic Band*
Foster, "Emanuel Variants"	*Symphonic Band*
Chilcott, "Mid-Winter"	*Combined Groups*
Christiansen, "Psalm 50"	*Wartburg Choir*
Sierra Leone, "Maringe Krismes"	*Castle Singers*
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" -Congregation	*Symphonic Band*
Hogan, "I Can Tell the World"	*Wartburg Choir*
Reed, "A Christmas Intrada"	*Symphonic Band*
Sametz, "Noel"	*Ritterchor*
Basler, "Alleluia	*Combined Groups*
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" -Congregation	*Symphonic Band*
Gretchaninof, "Nunc Dimittis"	*Wartburg Choir*
Wilberg, "Angels We Have Heard on High"	*Combined Groups*

'Songs of Angels' Concert Schedule

Dress rehersal
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 4 p.m. Neumann - open to the public
On-campus concerts
Thursday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5, 3 p.m
Neumann Auditorium
Off-campus concerts
Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m.
Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls
Saturday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Des Moines Civic Center, Des Moines

For your listening pleasure ... Eureka Phenom

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FRAMING AMY—Tony Nardone, drums and percussion; Mickey Paul, bass guitar; Rus Stanford, guitar and backing vocal; Amy Pierce, vocals; Thomy Kiesling, guitar.

By Sarah Alderfer
Features Editor

Framing Amy performed at Wartburg not more than a month ago, and their second album, "Eureka Phenom," still frequents my C.D. player more than any other C.D. I own. This album contains 14 songs of varying style and emotional content.

There is something interesting and attractive about Framing Amy's music.

When I got the C.D. immediately following their Wartburg College concert, I wasn't really sure what to expect when I listened to it for the first time. I had really enjoyed them in concert, but would the C.D. be the same?

I put the C.D. in my stereo when I got back to my room and immediately listened to the songs I had just heard in their concert. The song that sticks out most in my mind is track six, *Stay*.

While talking with the band after their concert, I learned the background of this song.

Thomy Kiesling, one of the band's guitarists, was writing the music for his wife to walk down the aisle to in their wedding. One day at band practice, he was playing the song while he was tuning up, and Amy Pierce, Framing Amy's lead singer, told him to keep playing it. With that, she began singing and made up the lyrics on the spot.

After listening to the songs I already knew, I decided to listen to the entire album. The album begins with a nontraditional love song and ranges through songs about life, self, and love.

Framing Amy uses a wide array of instruments in their songs to give each song its own individual twist. After listening to the C.D. a couple of times through I decided that this C.D. made me want to get up and dance, sit down and think, as well as sing at the top of my lungs. It's rare that one C.D. can do this to me, so I decided it was good.

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The "Buzz" claims third place

by Janna Swedin
Sports Editor

The start of the winter season has begun with or without snow on the ground. The men's basketball team kicked off its showing with a third place finish in the Buzz Levick-Lutheran Brotherhood Tip-off Classic.

Losing Friday 86-82 to Martin Luther College of New Ulm, Minn., the Knights were even with the Knights of New Ulm for the majority of the game.

Leading the number game was junior Marty Leary with 22 points, grabbing six rebounds and five assists. Junior Patrick Morrison shot up 10 points to help the cause. Junior Steve Schuster went three for three from behind the three point line.

The lone senior participant, Erik Book, helped the Knights in putting down five assists.

"We are going to get better," Book said. "We played well as a team and the freshmen are adjusting well to college basketball."

Playing for third place Saturday, the Knights slashed the Scots of Macalester College, 74-72. Morrison was the fire-starter going five-of-eight from three-point range with 28 points, seven rebounds and one steal. Junior Troy Osterhaus premiered Saturday after being out with an injury for Friday night's game. He had 21 points and two assists.

Osterhaus said they played well, but the Knights need to work on rebounding and defense.

"We're ready to play in the top of the conference and be competitive," said Osterhaus.

The Knights saw many of their youngsters putting up credible numbers as well. Freshman Dan Schuknecht had six rebounds and one steal for Friday's books. His teammate, freshman Mike Pipho had three steals in Saturday's game.

"We're looking forward to a great year," said Book.

Katie Shannon/TRUMPET
HOW DOES THAT TONGUE TASTE?—Junior Dan Bock doesn't need to stock up on any chap stick. The Knights took third place in the Buzz Levick-Lutheran Brotherhood Tournament last weekend.

Ries rushes at Nationals, 88th

by Justin Kron
Staff Writer

Senior Wartburg cross country runner Erin Ries finished 88th at the national meet in OshKosh, Wis. Saturday. The senior finished the 5,000-kilometer run across Lake Breeze Golf Course in 18:09.

Ries was the first member from the Wartburg women's team to run at Nationals since 1996.

"It meant a lot being the only runner out there, but having all your fans and teammates cheering for you,"said Ries.

Following up a personal best at regionals last week, Ries outdid herself again Saturday, easily running the best race of her career.

"Erin ran really well," said head coach Steve Johnson. "She had a great race, and she ran as well as she was expected to. She beat people in the national meet that beat her in the regional meet the week before."

Johnson said he has enjoyed watching Ries progress through her years in the Wartburg program.

"It has been exciting for me to see her blossom throughout the course of four years.

"She has just gotten better and better along with being more confident and assertive. To see her go from a good runner in high school to a national caliber runner is just great, said Johnson."

It was Ries' first time running at nationals. Johnson said he was impressed by her performance.

"She ran very aggressively," said Johnson. "You would never know it was her first time at the national meet."

Hoopsters harness one at tourney

by Elaina Meier
Graphics Editor

The 1999-2000 women's basketball team began its season at the Benedictine Tournament in Lisle, IL. The women faced Franklin College from Indiana after they drew the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for their Friday game.

The Knights prevailed over Franklin in a 66-60 victory.

"It was very competitive—close all the way," said head coach Monica Severson, whose thoughts were shared by junior co-captain Jenni Donohue.

"Our rebounding was better than the first game, and we got the first game jitters out," said Donohue.

The Knights improvement on the boards was not unchallenged by Franklin.

"They were a very physical team ... it was a hard fought game. I was happy to come out with a win and no one injured," said Severson.

"It was definitely not perfect by any means," said junior co-captain Molly Mason.

The Knights were led offensively by sophomore guard Brianne Schoonover with 19 points and Donohue with 16 points. Freshman Holly Mohs had a strong showing with 11 points and led the team with nine boards.

The Saturday win for the Knights evened their early season record at 1-1 after losing to UW-OshKosh 53-73 Friday.

"OshKosh is one of the better Division III teams in the region, if not the nation," said Severson.

The Knights played with OshKosh in the first half, entering half time with the score at 30-24.

"We had a good first 20 minutes and we played good half court defense," said Severson.

The second half, however, was a different ball game. OshKosh shot 73 percent and outscored the Knights 43-29 in the half.

"We weren't able to sustain what we started, and they really picked it up," said Severson.

Severson noted the need for improved rebounding for the team after the Knights were out boarded by Oshkosh, 34-22.

"It was a typical first game of the season, kind of sloppy. But we had a very good showing against a tough team, annually one of the best in the nation," said Schoonover.

Schoonover led the Knights' attack against OshKosh with 11 points and Mohs added 10. Mason pulled in six boards for the Knights.

The next appearance is Tuesday against Gustavus Adolphus at 7 p.m. Sunday, the Knights will square off against South Australia. The game will be held in Knight's Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

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The Chickasaw connection—
New Hamptonites harness honors at Wartburg

by Kenny Cummer
Staff Writer

It has been common for area athletes to attend Wartburg College, particularly athletes from New Hampton.

Over the years, many Chickasaws have graced the sod of Schield Stadium (ten in the last five seasons). However, not many have left an imprint as great as the current group from this local hidden pool of talent.

Five current players made the trek to Waverly to be dubbed Knights: fifth-year senior center Joel Rochford, junior wide receiver Ryan Rausch, junior running back Rob Steven, sophomore offensive lineman Seth Roberson, and sophomore linebacker Lucas Kotz.

Rochford and Rausch were recently honored as first-team All-Iowa Conference performers. This only adds to the list of achievements for the duo that was also first-team all-district while at New Hampton.

People might wonder how a small Iowa high school such as New Hampton could pump talent such as this into an Iowa Conference powerhouse. The answer is simple: New Hampton boasts a football powerhouse of their own.

The Chickasaws, who recently won the 3A State Championship, have qualified for the playoffs in eight of the last ten seasons. In fact, all five of the players on the Wartburg roster have experience in state competition at least one year.

"All of these guys were well prepared entering their college careers," New Hampton head coach Scott Frerichs said. "It is nice coming from a successful program such as ours. I think the experience is something that can never be taught."

One of the major factors for Rausch was the opportunity to play in his freshman year.

"I had a lot of options out of high school, but I knew that I didn't want to sit for a year or two. Wartburg offered me the chance to get some game time immediately," Rausch said.

"I started off with a team that was 9-1," said Rochford about the atmosphere of the team during his freshman season. "With the talent we had, it made an easy transition for me."

HOME GROWN KNIGHTS— Former Chickasaws turned Wartburg Knights from left to right: Ryan Rausch, Joel Rochford, Seth Roberson, Lucas Kotz, and Rob Steven have been instrumental in the football team's success this season.

Rausch had a different adjustment to make than his Chickasaw teammates; he had to make the transition from quarterback to wide receiver. The coaching staff has taken notice of this ability of the all-conference receiver. Earlier this season Rausch was used for this purpose. He was successful in completing a 48-yard pass.

With the quality of high school football in the area, the Wartburg coaching staff is quick to recruit locally.

"I think that a lot of it has to do with the proximity of Waverly to New Hampton," said Frerichs. "The guys really feel at home and they know that they are moving on to a good program."

The Wartburg Knights have recently completed the regular season at 10-0. This is the first time in the history of the school that a team has gone undefeated.

This was also the first conference championship for Wartburg since 1993. A large part of this has to do with the contributions of Rochford and Rausch, both playing large roles in the starting lineup.

Also filling a big roll was Seth Roberson who started in the final regular season game at Upper Iowa. Roberson successfully replaced an injured Rochford against the Peacocks.

Well rested Knights to begin play-off games

by Jeff Budlong
Staff Writer

Let the games begin.

The Wartburg College Knights will face the Pacific Lutheran Lutes in a second-round playoff game Saturday at Schield Stadium. The game begins at noon with the gates opening at 10:30 a.m.

Pacific Lutheran defeated Willamette University 28-24 in their first-round match to secure a spot in the second round. The Lutes scored 21 unanswered points in the final 7:17 for a come-from-behind victory.

Other results from the first-round included Central defeating Wisconsin-La Crosse 38-17 and St. John's over Wisconsin-Stevens Point 23-10.

Tickets for Saturday's game are five dollars for adults and three dollars for students. Season and student passes will not be honored.

Men's cross finishes strong; takes 15th at national meet

"We finished 15th in the nation which is a tremendous performance if you're ranked 23rd coming in. We had the best improvement from ranking to actual placing from any team in the country."

—Steve Johnson
head coach

by Amie Brunko
Staff Writer

The Knights finished 15th in the 24-team meet this weekend in Osh Kosh, Wis. This was the first time head coach Steve Johnson had a men's team qualify for the national meet and only the second time in Wartburg's history.

"We finished 15th in the nation which is a tremendous performance if you're ranked 23rd coming in," said coach Steve Johnson.

"We had the best improvement from ranking to actual placing from any team in the country."

"It was the neatest thing to see Wartburg running with the top division III teams in the nation and do as well as they did," said sophmore Mitch Cook.

North Central College ran away with the team title, scoring 84 points. Keene State College was second with 100, Wisconsin-LaCrosse was third with 101, Calvin College was fourth with 164, and Wisconsin-Whitewater rounded out the top five with 192.

Adam Sundall was the top runner for the Knights finishing 64th overall in 24:55, a lifetime best for the freshman.

"I thought we ran awesome and finished great," said Sundall.

"We did what we needed to do. We ran really tough and everything came together in the end."

Senior Brian Ryherd finished second for the Knights, placing 115th in 25:22 with freshman Nick Betts right on his tail, finishing third for the Knights at 116th overall also in 25:22.

"We ran the best possible race we could," said Ryherd. "There were a lot of good teams there and we weren't even expected to do that well. We feel we gave our best showing."

Junior Tom Zirbel placed 118th in 25:24; sophomore Brock Lehman was 119th in 25:24; senior Kendall Rickflefs was 138th in 25:32, and freshman Tyson Keith was 178th in 25:57.

"We needed to keep our heads straight and not get overwhelmed by the big meet atmosphere.

"I thought we did that really well considering how young we are," said Zirbel.